

Rynninge

Urban Extension



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This project is a planning study of Örebro, a mid-sized Swedish town of 125'000 inhabitants, for how it could grow towards lake Hjälmarens.

Arken suggested a diverse urban fabric made up of 130 different sized blocks. A "long-square" and three long parks creates attractive connections to the lake. New dams and meadows that use water from the existing stream open up for jetties and quays. The dams connect to an urban forest that has been kept as a feature in the middle of the new town.

The plan is for mixed use town, with blocks containing commercial activities in the buildings facing central roads with heavier traffic, and residential when facing a quieter street.

The environmentally sensitive shoreline is kept public and a system of bridges and islands are made to lead the built environment out to the water without damaging the reeds and the ecologically sensitive bird-wetlands.

